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Roosevelt and Bryan.

on the reorganization of the Democratic Since then we have seen an article pressed with the fact that Mr. Bryan. was twice the nominee of the Demotions which the President makes to Consuch as measure a nation by the wealth of the masses," and adds that "if the carry into all the work to distinguish him than the large popuplurality which he received on elec-

Mr. Bryan and Mr. Roosevelt are both egarded as extremists. However wrong te on economic questions, or conscientions champion of civic rightthough politically opposed, they should find themselves in agreement higher questions of peace and happiness and justice, religion and picty It is upon these solid foundations that must be builded, and it is in the spirit of these that our governmen attain to the highest civilization and have a perfected republic. Men may disford to make and execute laws which ss; men who conduct the great corpo-tions; men who conduct the labor orthat they cannot have permanent mentals in mind in conducting their af lation favorable to their selfish schemes will demand the repeal of all such legilation, and they may go to the other extreme and make laws of a hostile character. Nothing can have permanent succoss but right for in the long run the Who do dot all men realize this fact?

If so, they would not be undone by their own grasp and greed. There are rich men who seem to consider nothing but the abutchty collar. They go in for oppose all laws that may be hurtful to welfare may demand. The one question which they consider is: "Where do I come reaches (trelf and brings Its own destruchave and have regard for the public interest, there would be no occasion for laws to hamper them in their operation and no demand for such laws. But when corporations become arrogant and commir tresposs; when railroads charge exorbitant rates or discriminate against one section in favor of another, or give reone class of shippers over another class, urally aroused, and they may that if the corporations will not behave of their own accord, they must be made to behave by

the corporations themselves. They will and that if als obeaper and in every way more to their interest to deal fairly with the public than to fight hostile legisla-tion. There will be no hostile legislation to fight unless the corporations them-

McCarthy's Good Work.

The bitterest opponents of Mayor Mc

intelligence every public document that comes up for his inspection and approval. Some may think that the Mayor is over-particular and hypercratical in the matter of the phraseology of ordinances. But it is better to be too critical than to allow ordinances which are ambigutive. There has been too much of this sort of carelessness in the framing of city A law of whatever character should be written in language so plain not only that it can be understood, but that it cannot be misunderstood. That is after all the best test of good English, and all our laws should be so written. The frame of a law knows what he means, or should ties. It is to be hoped that opposition to its true meaning, it is the duty of

We commend Mayor McCarthy for his he will continue in the good work, for in removing ambiguities and making the language of the city ordinances unmisplain and comprehensive he is performing a valuable public service.

power of veto to send it back to the

writer that he may remove all possible

doubts, and make his meaning entirely

Modern Stock Trading.

Wall Street has been in a state of exitement recently, and it would be amusing, if it were not pitiful, to see the various explanations which are given by are good; that money is abundant, and that the country generally is prosperous. although it must be admitted that the cost of living is abnormally high, as also message of President Roosevelt, recomto give that body the right to fix railroad rates, subject to review of the courts. President Roosevelt had something to do with the slump, but Lawson's diatribes and the President's message were pre texts and not fundamental causes, Under the existing system men of small

neans may buy large blocks of stock on utterly unable to pay for in full, and it small that any sudden and violent break forces them to throw their anything that they will bring. For some time past this sort of speculation has been going on; prices were forced up by artifiwere carrying large speculative accounts of a slump. In this way the market became "top-heavy," saying goes, and the professionals, who message as pretexts for attacking the the opportune time came they made their unprotected weakness. The attack was and when the moment and the pretext arrived opportunely together, the attackforces threw themselves upon the market and stampeded the weak holders, In such a stampede it is not the finanmany others who, although able to protect their accounts, become frightened

so much the worse. This is the Wall Street game, and it is played over and over again. It is strange indeed, that men of ordinary sense will not learn from the lessons of experience, selves in position to be victimized.

and panic-stricken, and they, too, take

to their heels and make the stampede

The Public Library Plan.

By request of a committee of the Richintroduced at the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen an ordinance providing for a special levy of 2 cents on the hundred dollars for the maintenance of a public library in Richmond. There is warrant of law for such a levy. Section 1043 A of the Code was enacted to authorize cities and incorporated towns to establish and maintain free public libraries and reading rooms. It is provided that the Council of each incorporated city or town shall have power to establish, and maintain a public library and reading room for the use and benefit of warmth the disease is little known. lish, and maintain a public library and reading room for the use and benefit of such city or town, and may levy a tax not to exceed one mill on the dollar annually on all taxable property in the city or town, such tax to be levied and collected in like manner with other general taxes of said city, and to be known as the library fund.

money. It is further provided "that when any city or town council shall have scrutinize these rules and suggest for decided to establish and maintain a public library and reading room unger this that may seem to them wise and timely, act, the mayor of such city or town, shall, with the approval of the council, proceed to appoint a board of nine directors for the same, chosen from the

James R. Gordon as chairman to com-this community. Every public sidiried municate with Mr. Andrew Carnegie and citizen should go to hear this testurer, ascertain if his offer to give Richmond Carthy must be willing to concede that \$100,000, to be used in erecting a library he is attending strictly to business; that building, was still open. Mr. Carnegie he is giving his time and his best talent promptly replied in the affirmative. But to the duties of his office, and that he the condition of his gift is that the site is scrutinizing with conscientiousness and for the building shall be provided by the

city, and that an appropriation of not less than \$10,000 a year shall be made for maintenance of the institution.

When the question was formerly before the Council some of the members who were thoroughly in sympathy with the movement and favorable to the approit appeared that the question would be provide the means for other necessary enacted as quoted above, providing fo of keeping the whole question out of poliwill now disappear, and that the measure as introduced by Mr. Wood, will be adopted. The extra levy of 2 cents on the hundred dollars would be felt by nobody.

Richmond taxpayers can well afford to pay the trifling increase for the sake of having a modern, first-class public library. Such an institution is a public necessity, and the sooner it comes the better. The way is now plain, and there should be no unnecessary delay.

nunication from the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward county, complaining We know nothing about the facts, but editor of every county newspaper in Vir ginia would take the trouble personally port whether or not it is in decent and

Editor Addison, of the Roanoke Times ecently inspected the jail in that city and reported that it was in deplorable condition-cold, damp, unclean and full of vermin

a disgrace to civilization. The government has the right to incarcerate lawbreakers but it has no right to confine in a filthy and unsanitary jail or peni when he falls into the custody of the law The law has the right to condemn him and summary. It has no right to torture to death even a man condemned i right to confine a man accused of crime habit and which is so unsanitary as t impair his health. Even convicts have and comfortable bed, wholesome food and in cold weather warmth enough to keep

The fact is we need in Virginia a board stitutions and prisons of the Common wealth and report from time to time to tary condition and mode of operation

The pneumonia season is now upon us and it will be well for everybody to take precautions against contracting this terthat for the week ending the 17th instant the number of deaths in that city greater than for the corresponding week a year ago. Medical science has been able to reduce the death rate in many diseases, but the Tribune says that that While in 1860 pneumonia claimed four out of every ten thousand Chicagoans and lives were lost to pneumonia for every commends the following, which it claims the Health Department and from other

authoritative sources:

coats rather than heavy underwear and light overcoats.

extremely tired or when food has not Avoid becoming chilled when

overtired. "Admit into all rooms where you live and work plenty of sunlight and fresh air.

"Keep warm when indoors, even if it is necessary to build fires in seasons when it is unusual to do so. Avoid indoor chill and dampness as much as possible. For this reason be careful to remove the chill before moving into apartments freshly nameral or calkoning."

"If you have an attack of the grippe be unusually careful about your diet and about exposing yourself to the weather. Neglected colds develop into pneumonia

Negrected coins develop into pneumonia with startling rapidity.

"Take plenty of exercise in the sunlight and freeh air. As good nursing is practically the only cure for pneumonia, so good living is practically the only preventive."

We hope that our doctor readers will publication any amendments or additions

In another column notice is given of the mass-meeting to be held at the Chamc tizens at large with reference to their ber of Commerce to-night, at which Mr. fitness for such office, and not more than J. Horace McFarland will speak on "The one member of the council shall be at Harrisburg Plan," which is the story any one time a member of said board, of how Harrisburg purified its water, and he shall be the chairman of the com- laid out its parks, acquired its play. mittee on finance of said council." That grounds and enormously added to the protakes the whole question out of poli- gressiveness and standing of its community. The story that Mr. McFarland The Post has taken but a languid inthat question has been under consideration by the Richmond Education Committties for some time past and recently a
spirit that was shown by Harrisburg
subcommittee was appointed with Mr.

James R. Gordon as chairman to communicate with Mr. Andrew Carnegic and
citizen should go to hear this lecturer.

In McFarland
The Post has taken but a languid interest in most of the exposition enterterest in most tion by the Richmond Education Commit- | Richmond and the application of the same subcommittee was appointed with Mr. would produce extraordinary benefit to

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the air, but like electricity. It must be The first step is to scan what others did

Baltimore reports that during 1903 there were 166 fires due directly to gasoline \$57,742,49. Is it not somewhat reckless to allow the indiscriminate and unre-

America to stay only a few weeks, having become acquainted with the American "high ball," has decided to remain sev eral months.

The snow and the hard cold weather freeze out the musquito germ, and there will be no trouble next summer if the city authorities will freeze out the stag-

When it snows away out West the folks there have a way of letting it snow, and t will be wise for Virginians to do likewise under present conditions.

The boll weevil should now show what

he can do in the way of bulling the cot-

ton market for the benefit of the hornyhanded sons of toll.

will continue so to be for a few days longer, the opinions of scientists to the The decline in the price of cotton will

probably put all the idle mills to work, of public charities, whose business it if they can buy as much cotton in the bale as on paper. Mrs. Chadwick is not unwilling to talk

except when she is asked to tell what she did with the money she borrowed so readily.

The staying qualities of the snow that s with us is something that is unusual with the average Virginia snowstorm.

disposition to get tame and stay tame and he ought to be encouraged. if there be such, who has finished his

In some way the city may be able to sidewalks.

If this thing keeps up Santa Claus will have very little trouble coasting around

that the weather agents say is fixed up

Oklahoma is coming as a great State we and a half million strong

The Jamestown Exposition.

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We have in no respect modified the opinion frequently expressed in these coumns that the exposition has been greatly oversione. Indeed, we can recall very few during the past twenty years, which possessed any special significance or represented an event or a development entitling it to batonal patronage. If, however, there are no anniversary in which the American people are immediately concerned of an achievement they can all unite in celebrating with patrolic zeal, that anniversary and that achievement are represented in may proposed Jamestown Exposition of 1907.

The English coonists who landed at Jamestown in 1907 may be said to have laid the corner-stone of the splendid political edifice we now call the United States of America. Those men were the ploneers of human liberty and free institutions of government. Their courage, devotion, and cherty made it possible for the Puritans to resour the example attracted to these shores the Higgs and English emgrants sort out by was the birthplace of the republic. It is to Americans what Betthehem is to the Christian peoples of the western herusphers in the Botton of the more than all one of the republic. It is to Americans what Betthehem is to the Christian peoples of the western herusphers of 1903, or any other chapter in our sationaling there is the most important event in the listory of the western herusphers of 1903, or any other chapter in our sationaling there is the most important event in the listory, of the western herusphers of 1903, or any other chapter in our sationaling there is the most important event in the listory, of the western herusphers of the general the sent that grew out of ill-mere fruits as the little seed, which has produced the sent that liston of English more than national for the Jamestown colony was composed of Englishmen.

English pluck, English strength English character erected on these shores the temples of the great at the indeed, it will be more than national for the Jamestown of the result as we have ind

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Half Hour With Virginia Editors

"water ways," to the total neglect of the unwilling to consider. But we do not believe the good road question is going to die out. It is of vast importance to the country and the people will eventually rise up in their might and demend that the public highways shall have attention at the hands of the government.

The Portsmouth Star mys:
All men afflicted or equipped, as his
wire may explain, with norves will commend the Judge of the Corporation Couror Danville for reproving and then fining the Hon, Harry Wooding, mayor or
the city, for warring creaky shoes in

The Portsmouth Star says:

The Norfolk Ledger offers this off-hand

The length of Senator Morgan's remarks on the Platt bill to reduce Southern rep-resentation will make the President's message look like a cablegram.

A Christmas Appeal.

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—'The only Christmas gift that I want is that you keep sover! On! husband, can't you promise me that, and make me so happy?' This was the reply in an affectionate, pleading tone, and with a look that betokened a commingling of hope and fear, of a faithful little wife to her husband's inculry as to what he should give her for a Christmas gift. This man, who himself, tild me of the conversation, possesses a character of pichity apart from his besetting sin-drink. His home has been wrecked time and again by this appetite which reasseried itself after considerable periods of subretzy, Just one glass of intoxicating beverage aroused the dofmant scripent and he is, soon in its horrible coils. And the one fatel glass is generally proferred by a friend or acquaintance for sociability (so-called), and tils no wonder that the faithful, suffering wife should dread the coming of a season that is by so many misappropriated to an occasion of license for indulgence. This man is a type of many. Weak? He will also assent to that proposition. It is, however, a condition and nor a theory time confronts him and weakness? He will also assent to that proposition. It is, however, a condition and not a theory that confronts hun and his now happy home. All pity 'tis, 'tis true' but many a true motherly and wifely heart saddens at the coming of the hallowed Christmas tide, when all the cartis should be rejoicing at the birthday of Him who came to bring mankind "glad tidings of great joy," "to bind up the broken-hearted" and "set at liberty them that are bound."

broken-hearied" and "set at liberty them that are bound."

It is not my purpose here and now to discuss the drink question in its ethical, moral or economic aspects. Whatever diversity of view men may entertain regarding this question, all sane minds must admit the baleful results that flow from inebriety, and that the custom of "treating" and that of the prominenes given to intoxicating beverages on the board at social functions are largely responsible for prevalent drunkenness. It is a lamentable fact that many seize upon the pretext of its being "Christmas time" to give abnormal freedom to their desire and appetite. The free treats of the openhouse bar-room and clubhouse, the punch bowl, egg-nog bowl and wine bottle on bowl, egg-nog bowl and wine bottle on

men. I confess to no amiable hostility to
the beverage liquor traffic and the tipling habit, but in this note I have merely attempted a plain, earnest appeal, especulally in behalf of men whose danger
chiefy lies in ven moderate drinking,
and of the patient, sorrowing womanly
hearts that dread the approach of Christmas. There is ample scope for real
solid Christmas clicer without "looking
upon the wine."
Sincerely yours.

Sincerely yours,
W. M. BICKERS,
Richmond, Va., Dec. 12, 1994.

North Carolina Sentiment.

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The Greensbore Telegram eays:
Senators Simmons and Overman both
irmly decline to fly into a tantrum over
the Platt bill to reduce Sentation.
They think the Republicans
are not serious-in their talk about 'outting out' some of our Southern congressmen, and as they are on the ground
where they can look around and size up
conditions for themselves, they ought to
know, and their attitude ought to be reassuring to those who behold the doings
at the national capital from a greater
distance.

The Raleigh Post says. If there are seventy-five ways to kill a dog, some means should be easily devised to dispose of the Platt resolution other than having Mr. Morgan to talk it to death.

The Durham Horald makes this state-

While we are and have always been against the whiskey traffic, we would like to see the next city election could ducted without this being an issue. The



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A swindler collected money from the Richmond doctors and they are all ready to prescribe the rest cure for him if he can be caught.

John VIII., Pope, died.

Abdication and exile of Rienzi, the Roman Tribune.

The Gregorian style adopted at Paris, omitting ten days.

1085. Izaak Walton, an English writer, died, aged ninety.

1745. Battle of Kesseldorf. The Prussians, under the Prince of Anhalt, defeated the Austrians and Saxons, who lost 3,000 killed and 6,500 prisoners.

1778.
French Admiral Count D'Estaing arrived from America at St. Lucia

and attacked unsuccessfully the British fleet and batteries in the bay of Grand Cul de Sac, in which he sustained great loss.

1782.

American ship Commerce, sixteen guns, Captain Truxton, engaged a British brig of eighteen guns and a schooner of fourteen guns, he was obliged to make off on the appearance of two other British vessels. He saved his convoy, and they all arrived at St. Thomas in safety a few hours

The United States Postoffice, the Patent Office and the Washington city postoffice, together with the contents of the two latter, destroyed by John Cox died, aged eighty-five. He was a captain in the naval service of Virginia in the early part of the Revolutionary War, and was one of the most efficient and distinguished patriots during the contest.

The remains of Bonaparte were removed from Cherbourg, where they were disembarked to the Church Des Invalides, at Paris. The procession was splendid beyond all precedent, the number assembled being computed at 500,000.

The postal convention between the United States and Great Britain signed at London by Lord Palmerston and Mr. Bancroft.

1854.

Kamehameha III., King of the Sandwich Islands, died aged forty-one, and was succeeded by Prince Alexander Liholiho, aged twenty, under the title of Kamehameha IV.

Randall L. Gibson died.

The Wilmington Star says: The Southerner who expects any great shakes out of that "square deal" can compare oredulity with the Ohio bankers who went to the wall in trying to keep Mrs. Chadwick supplied with money.

A Few Foreign Facts.

In rural l'inland, a bride wears to church

Personal and General.

M. Hoepli, the well known Milanese publisher, has undertaken the important work of reproducing all of the manuscripts in the Vatican Library, and in the Ambrosiana of Milan.

The Grand Duke of Hesse is to marry the Princess of Solms next menth, and it is sail that her trousseau will contain come broidery by the bridegroom, as the Grand Duke is noted for his devotion to needlework

Dr. Lewellyn Franklin Barker, head of the Department of Anatomy at Rush Mcd'cal College, Chicago, is prominently mentional io, succeed Dr. William Oser at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. Hev. Dr. Augustus L. Graebner, professor of church history and dogmatics in the Evangelical Lutheral Concordia Seminary at St. Louis, who has just died in that city, gave instructions that after his death a post-moriem should be held in the interest of science, as he believed his disease was not understood by the specialists who attended him.

Australia's Wheat Crop. Australia's Wheat Crop.

Since the opening of the present season, at the beginning of December, the exports of Australian wheat and flour have reached the total of about 29,005,225 bushels of wheat and \$15,579 sacks of flour. Reducing the flour to the equivalent in wheat the totals together are equal to 33,820,004 bushels of wheat. Of the total amount (33,820,004 bushels, 27,030,586 bushels were shipped to Burope, 5,125,135 bushels to South Africa, 437,800 bushels to South Africa, 437,800 bushels to Houth America, and the remainder, 1,225,735 bushels, to various other destinations. The value of the exports is estimated approximately at \$25,719,152.

Penury and Woe.

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The poverty of the Russian pensants is instanced by recent figures showing that, notwithstanding the long nights, the average use of the cheapest kind of crude petroleum is only four or five quarts for work is thus wasted. Many peasants reman in bed from 4 in the alternoon till 5 in the morning.

The development of railroads in Argentina is progressing without cessation, both in building new lines and extending old ones. The value of the old lines is being increased by the use of stone ballats, better rails, heavier sleepers and faster trains. Railroads in Argentina.

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